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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO (CHACON,
RAMON RAUL)

REF: STATE 194199, 253823 AND 257753

1. ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT: SUBJECT WAS VISITED AT JUDICIAL POLICE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 3. AT THAT TIME HE SAID HE WAS NOT MISTREATED IN ANY WAY. HE APPEARED CALM AND BORE NO VISIBLE MARKS OF MISTREATMENT. LATER, AFTER HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO PENITENTIARY ON OCTOBER 8, HE TOLD CONOFF DURING ROUTINE VISIT AND IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS BROTHER ERNEST, WHO WAS VISITING, THAT HE HAD INDEED BEEN MISTREATED. HE ALLEGED, THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 2 PRIOR TO CONOFF FIRST VISIT, ON OCTOBER 3, IN THE AFTERNOON AND, AGAIN ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 3, HE WAS GIVEN "WATER TREATMENT". WHEN CONOFF ASKED WHY SUCH TREATMENT WAS NOT MENTIONED WHEN HE WAS FIRST VISITED ON OCTOBER 3, HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK "IT WOULD DO ANY GOOD". THE CONOFF BELIEVES HIS STORY LACKS CREDIBILITY AND THAT HE HAS TRUMPED UP BRUTALITY CHARGE AS PART OF HIS DEFENSE STRATEGY. PROMPTED BY HIS BROTHER, ERNEST, HE EXHIBITED TWO SMALL BRUISES ON HIS STOMACH. ON OCTOBER 10, A LETTER REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED MISTREATMENT WAS SENT TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE FOR THE TRI:STATE AREA OF TAMAULIPAS, NUEVO LEON, AND COAHUILA. A REPLY, DATED OCTOBER 22, STATED THAT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT NO MISTREATMENT OCCURED. THE COORDINATOR

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SAID THAT A MORE EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE AND THE CONGEN WILL BE INFORMED OF RESULTS. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST CHACON INCLUDE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ARMS, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS CHACON AND HIS NON-CITIZEN TRAVELLING COMPANIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INEXTRICABLY LINKED WITH AIT (ALIANZA INTERNACIONAL TERRORISTA), A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN MEXICO.

2. CONFISCATION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS: DURING A VISIT ON NOVEMBER 12, CHACON ASKED THE CONOFF TO ASSIST HIM IN THE RECOVERY OF HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS, TAKEN FROM HIM BY THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED. THIS MATTER IS BEING HANDLED BY CONOFF.

3. VISITATIONS: CHACON HAS BEEN VISITED THREE TIMES SINCE HIS ARREST, SEPT. 30, 1975. VISITS WILL CONTINUE ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
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